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Flip through an old songbook
skipping over the pretty pressed flowers
trapped between the pages
from someone, sometime ago

2

My eyes view a scene
revealing no depth
like a mountain obstructed by clouds

3

The way I sing a simple song
that has a melody
with a pleasant chorus makes me smile

4

Heifetz is my favorite violinist
I've heard him play Tchaikovsky violin
concerto on You Tube

5

A children's story meant for adults
has layers and layers of rocks
to turn over

6

In my 66th year I can know that
my motorcycle journey down Route 66
can be crossed off my bucket list
except that I'd like to do it again

7

Life is not defined by a time span
but how much infinite experience
There is in a finite period

8

When I drool at night I blame it on the Parkinsons
when I drool during the day I blame it on the Parkinsons
when I drool in conversation I wipe my mouth

9

In my attic is an office where I keep all
my \$10 gaming coins from the
Silver Strike slot machines at the Four Queens Casino
on Fremont Street in Las Vegas

10

Now I feel like a lion in a cage
at the zoo where small children
gawk and play nearby
loss of strength and agility
like something missing in translation